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We claim:

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1. A process for the preparation of a low contact resistance contact on a high transition temperature superconductor which comprises making a groove at the end of the superconductor, depositing a first silver layer by metal spray gun at a temperature 120°C, heating the said deposited silver layer at a temperature in a range of 200-250°C for a time period in the range of 2-5 hrs, wrapping a perforated silver foil on the said heat treated first silver layer, depositing a second silver layer by metal spray gun at a temperature of 120°C, heating the said combination of first silver layer, wrapped perforated silver foil and second silver layer at a temperature in a range of 830-850°C in air for a time period in the range of 100-150 hrs resulting in a joint with the superconductor.

- 2. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the high transition temperature superconductor is a hollow cylindrical tube of length in a range of 200-305mms.
- 3. A process as claimed in claim 2., wherein wall thickness of the tube is in a range of 1-3mms.
- 4. A process as claimed in claim 2, wherein outer diameter of the tube is in the range of 10-20 mms.
- 5. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein high transition temperature superconductor is a solid rod of length in a range of 200-305 mms
- 20 6. A process as claimed in claims 1-5, wherein the high transition temperature superconductor is pure (Bi,Pb)₂ Sr₂ Ca₂ Cu₃O_{10+x}.
 - 7. A process as claimed in claims 1-5, wherein the high transition temperature superconductor is (Bi,Pb)₂ Sr₂ Ca₂ Cu₃O_{10+x} with 10% silver.
 - 8. A contact when made by the process of claim 1, wherein the contact resistance is in a range of 3.07×10^{-6} to 3.0×10^{-7} Ω in zero applied magnetic field at 77K
 - 9. Contact as claimed in claim 8, wherein the contact resistance is in a range of 1.5×10^{-8} to 8.5×10^{-8} Ω in zero applied magnetic field at 4.2K

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